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CPUC JOINS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ON STRIKE TEAMS TO ENFORCE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OF PASSENGER CARRIERS AT MAJOR AIRPORTS AND OTHER AREAS OF INTERESTS – 2nd QUARTER 2015

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20, 2015 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) participated in multi-agency strike force operations on passenger carriers (limousine, shuttles, tour buses) during the second quarter of 2015. These operation was conducted to ensure that companies are properly licensed with CPUC.

- **San Diego International Airport Inspection, April 1, 2015:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation hosted by San Diego International Airport (SDIA) Ground Transportation and the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Approximately 32 shuttle vans were inspected, and 13 observation reports were issued for various violations such as permit expired, permit revoked, no workers' compensation insurance, DMV issues, and vehicles not on equipment list. In addition, seven misdemeanor reports were issued for expired permit, permit revoked, and no workers' compensation insurance on file.
- **Palm Springs Airport (PSP), April 9, 2015:** CPUC staff, along with the Palm Springs airport and CHP, participated in an unannounced multi-agency passenger and bus inspection. There were 26 vehicles inspected, eight citations issued, and more than \$5,000 in fines were assessed for various CPUC violations.
- **Graton Casino, Rohnert Park, April 11, 2015:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation with the CHP Commercial Enforcement. Twelve buses were inspected and three observation reports were issued for failure to list vehicles on a passenger carrier's equipment statement.
- **Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), April 29, 2015:** CPUC staff, along with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA)-Office of Regulatory Compliance, LAX Police Department Motors/Commercial Enforcement Unit, and the CHP, participated in an unannounced multi-agency passenger and bus inspection at three different LAX lots. There were 215 vehicles inspected, and three vehicles were impounded for operating

without valid authority from the CPUC. In addition, 27 field citations issued and more than \$30,000 in fines were assessed for various CPUC violations.

- **University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Strike Force, May 1-2, 2015:** Associated students of UCSD celebrate the annual Sungod Festival, which is a major event of UCSD undergraduate and graduate students and involves party buses arriving to pick up and drop off UCSD students on campus. The UC Police, San Diego Police, ABC enforcement officers, and CPUC staff conducted a joint operation to enforce all local laws and provide high visibility enforcement to ensure a safe environment. Sixteen charter-party buses were inspected. Fourteen charter-party buses were found to be in compliance but two charter-party carriers were found to be in violation of equipment not being reported to the CPUC and workers compensation violations. One charter-party carrier was issued an official notice for not being current with its equipment reporting and one charter party carrier was issued a fine for not displaying its name and number on the bus.
- **Oakland International Airport Inspection, May 28, 2015:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation hosted by Oakland International Airport Ground Transportation, the CHP, the Alameda Sheriff's Office, and various law enforcement agencies, including the Union City Police Department, the Pleasanton Police Department, and the University of California, Berkeley Police Department. Approximately 196 vehicles were inspected; 29 observation reports were issued for various violations, such as permit expired, permit revoked, no workers' compensation insurance, and vehicle not on equipment list; three misdemeanor reports issued for suspended or revoked permits; and 14 carriers were required to obtain workers' compensation insurance. In addition, 52 observation reports were issued for Transportation Network Companies (43 to Uber and nine for Lyft) for operating at the airport without airport authority.
- **Yosemite Bus Inspection, June 19-20, 2015:** CPUC staff participated in a joint enforcement operation hosted by the National Park Service, the CHP, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Modesto Police Department, and the California Air Resources Board. Approximately 62 buses were inspected and appropriate action taken as warranted.

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